

## STANDARDS COMMITTEE (SC)

- a. The Standards Committee will consist of eight (8) members, including the 1st Vice President. The CYSL First Vice President will chair this committee and only vote to break ties. Another member of the SC will chair this committee in cases where the 1st Vice President's Association is involved or is unavailable. SC members will be selected by vote of the CYSL BOD. At least one Association member should be changed on the Standards Committee each year. All members must be registered with MYSA. A minimum of five votes is required for a Standards Committee decision.
- b. The Standards Committee will hear and rule on all protests, reports of misconduct, and complaints in regard to officials, coaches, players or Member Associations and/or their representatives. The Standards Committee may request written reports from referees, any coaches involved and other relevant parties. The SC may conduct a hearing.
- c. A coach being investigated may request a meeting with the Standards Committee
- d. A member of the Standards Committee shall be disqualified from participating, deliberating, or ruling on a particular matter if that member was involved in the game as a referee, coach, or is the relative of an involved referee or coach, has a relative playing on team(s) involved, or is from an Association involved.
- e. Initial investigation process must begin within 14 days of receipt of any issue that is properly referred to the Committee. The Standards Committee Chairperson will notify the involved parties as soon as possible about the matter. The Standards Committee will render a final decision within sixty (60) days of receipt of referral. Standards Committee decisions may be appealed to the CYSL Appeals Board.
- f. The Chairperson will keep a record of all referee reports forwarded to the Standards Committee. Coach and player passes will be returned to the Association Member or a designated Association official after completion of any investigation.
- g. The Standards Committee has the authority to impose sanctions.

## PROTEST

- a. A rules violation may be protested, a referee's judgment cannot.
- b. Any dispute must be communicated to the Chairman of the Standards Committee or another member of the committee within 72 hours of the incident.
- c. A fee of \$100.00 must accompany the formal written protest, which must be signed by the Association President and received or postmarked no more than 7 days after incident or a shorter period of time at the discretion of the Standards Committee Chairperson. This written protest must be addressed to the Chairman of the CYSL Standards Committee. The protest fee shall be forfeited should the protest not be sustained.

## APPEALS BOARD

The Coastal League has established an Appeals Board. The Appeals Board will adjudicate any appeal of a Standards Committee decision that is timely received. The Appeals Board is the last place of appeal within the CYSL. Any further appeal must be directed to the Massachusetts Youth Soccer. The Appeals Board consists of three ad hoc members selected by the President of the league. One of the members will be identified as the Chair. All three have voting rights on any matter that its referred to them on appeal. A member may not be from any association that is part of the matter being appealed.

Any appeal of a Standards Committee decision must be received by the CYSL President within 7 calendar days of their decision. A non-refundable appeals fee of \$100 must also be submitted within that timeframe. In conducting their review, the Appeals Board may only review the material upon which the Standards Committee based it's decision. No new material may be provided. In reaching a decision on an appeal, the Board will be governed by CYSL game rules, constitution and by laws, Massachusetts Youth Soccer and USYS guidelines as appropriate. Appeals Board decisions must be issued within 30 days on the filing of any appeal unless there is good cause for a delay. Appeals Board decisions may not exceed the sanction imposed by the Standards Committee. However, it can mitigate. Appeals Board decisions may only be appealed to MYSA.